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In re PATENT APPLICATION of  
Montgomery

Group Art Unit: 3713

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For: Data Gathering in Games of Chance

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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2003. Please amend the application as follows:

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